

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species A, illustrated in Figs. 1, 7-8;

Species B, illustrated in Fig. 2;

Species C, illustrated in Figs. 3-4;

Species D, illustrated in Fig. 5; and

Species E, illustrated in Fig. 6.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicant elects Species A, illustrated in Figs. 1, 7-8, with traverse.

Claims 1, 6 and 9 are directed to the elected species.

In addition, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 is generic, because independent claim 1 reads on the Species A-E noted above. Therefore, once claim 1 is found to be allowable, the Examiner should consider all of the dependent claims in the present application.


Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David A. Bilodeau, Registration No. 42,325 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.
- ☒ No fees are required.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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